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## Runners fly in OTRF Best of Ohio

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Five \$100,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) Stakes were held over a very muddy Mahoning Valley Race Course on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31. These OTRF Stakes are the final in the Best of Ohio series this year.



**Buckeye Magic**

**Buckeye Magic** bested four rivals in \$100,000 The Juvenile, a one and one-sixteenth mile contest for Ohio-registered 2-year-olds. Ridden by John McKee for trainer Thomas Drury, Jr., the bay colt by Trappe Shot-Lady Buckeye, by Quiet American notched career victory number two in his third try for breeder-owner Maccabee Farm, LLC and now has \$77,120 in his lifetime coffers. **Buckeye Magic**, who finished 1 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths ahead of 1-1 **Morestride** (Luis Rivera), left the gate at 7-2. **Uptown** (Jose Bracho) was third at 2-1, while **Brig** (Christian Pilaes) was fourth at 8-1. The winner was clocked in 1:47.70.



**Alexandria**

**Alexandria**, the 1-9 choice, bested six rivals en route to winning the \$100,000 John W. Galbreath, a one and one-sixteenth test for Ohio-registered fillies, in 1:47.83. The chestnut daughter by Constitution-Spring Water, by Spring at Last is trained by Tim Hamm for Winstar Farm, Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Lewis. The homebred Alexandria, who earlier in the season captured the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Miss Ohio and \$75,000 Tah Dah stakes, was ridden by Gerardo Corrales and was nearly seven lengths in front of 22-1 longshot **Shez Shacked Up** (Omar Hernandez) at the wire. **Ballroom Blitz** (T.D. Houghton) was third 60-1, while 10-1 **Lemon Deelite** got up for fourth with John McKee aboard. Alexandria now has \$197,160 in her bankroll from four wins and a third in five starts.



**Chief Randel**

**Chief Randel**, a 19-1 longshot, pulled off the upset in the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Sprint, holding off the fast-closing millionaire 3-1 **Mo Dont No** (Jose Bracho) and 6-1 **Buckeye Bullet** (Erik Barbaran) in the six furlong sprint for Ohio-registered 3-year-olds and up. Jockey Fernando Salazar Becerra was in the irons for trainer Jose Romero and owner Harry Waite. The winner, who was clocked in 1:11.77 and won by a length, returned \$41.00 on a two-dollar win ticket. Chief Randel is 3-year-old homebred grey son of Fiber Sonde-She Could Be Good, by Daylight Savings who upped his career earnings to \$224,990 in this, his sixth lifetime victory in 17 starts.



**Drillit**

**Drillit** romped to a decisive 1:55.86 triumph in the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Distaff which featured eight Ohio-registered fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, traveling one and one-eighth miles over the Cleveland dirt. Drillit, the 8-1 choice with rider Christian Pilares in the saddle, bested rivals 3-5 **Moonlit Mission** (Erik Barbaran) and 12-1 **Circus Rings** (Hector Berrios) in a thrilling stretch drive. **Star Mabee** was fourth at 7-2 for Luis Rivera. The winning filly, a 4-year-old daughter of Drill-Way To Fly, by Bowman's Band is trained by Robert Gorham for Mast Thoroughbreds. She was bred by Eric Heyman and picked up her seventh career win in 24 starts, pushing her career earnings to \$405,670.



**Forewarned**

For the second straight season **Forewarned**, a 5-year-old son of Flat Out-Fortune Play, by Five Star Day, captured the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Endurance, a 1¼ mile battle featuring Ohio-registered runners, 3-year-olds and up. The 5-year-old bay son of Flat Out-Fortune Play, by Five Star Day is trained by Uriah St. Lewis for the Trin-Brook Stables and was ridden by Sonny Leon to a 2:06.78 clocking. Forewarned, who left the gate as the even-money favorite, battled second-place finisher 3-2 **Wicked Warrior** (Ricardo Fliciano) throughout the stretch before prevailing by half a length. **Golden Money**, a 99-1 longshot, was brought up for third-place honors by rider Yarmarie Correa, with 25-1 longshot **Visual Mission** (Gerardo Corrales) fourth. Bred by the Preston Stable, Forewarned was a \$40,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December 2018 Mixed Sale. He now has eight wins, four seconds and four thirds in 30 starts and \$512,113 in career earnings.